

Remarks

Claims 3 and 8 are canceled.

Claims 1 and 5 are amended.

Claims 1, 2, 4-7 and 9-15 are pending.

Claims 10-15 are withdrawn.

Claims 1, 2, 4-7 and 9 are now under consideration.

Claim 1 is amended to include the limitations of original claim 10. Polymer block C must now be a polysiloxane. The triblock copolymer and the graft copolymer must now be prepared via the steps of reacting a polysiloxane with a functional alkoxyamine of formula (I) and then reacting the resulting alkoxyamine terminated polysiloxane with an ethylenically unsaturated monomer.

Claim 5 is amended to be consistent with claim 1.

No new matter is added.

Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 USC 103(a) as obvious over Graiver, et al., U.S. Pat. No. 5,789,516.

In telephone message from Examiner Mullis on February 12, 2007, it was confirmed that these rejections are actually over Rossmly, et al., U.S. Pat. No. 4,079,098. The Examiner also mentioned that Example 5 of Rossmly should be considered instead of Example 4.

Claims 1-9 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rossmly (*sic*).

In view of the present amendments, Applicants submit that these rejections are addressed and are overcome. Rossmly provides no hint towards the present copolymers prepared from intermediate alkoxyamine terminated polysiloxanes.

Claims 1-9 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Kendrick, et al., U.S. Pat. No. 3,691,257.

Claims 1-9 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mann, et al., WO 96/39349.

Again, these references provide no hint towards the present copolymers prepared from intermediate alkoxyamine terminated polysiloxanes.

In view of the present amendments, Applicants submit that each of the 35 USC 102(b) and 35 USC 103(a) rejections are addressed and are overcome.

The Examiner is kindly requested to reconsider and to withdraw the present rejections.

Applicants note that a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was filed on January 29, 2007. The Examiner is kindly requested to consider the cited reference and indicating such by returning an initialled copy of PTO form 1449.

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